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Minutes of West Lafayette Village Council Regular Meeting

West Lafayette Village Council met in regular session on April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building with Council President Pro Tem Bo Fortune presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call: Rich Wheeler, Brittany Howell, Christie Maurer, Tim Cheney, Adam Fisher and Bo Fortune were present. Mayor Bordenkircher was not present physically, but attended via telephone conference. Council President Pro Tem Bo Fortune presided over the Council meeting.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on April 10, 2023. Roll call 5 yes.

Mayor's Correspondence: None

Citizens' comments: None

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Meeting ID: 965 9577 5556

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Department Reports:

Fire: No report.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported on the legislation being presented. Resolution 2023-19 is to authorize the Village to participate in the 2023 ODOT road salt program and will receive its third and final reading. Resolution 2023-20 will receive its third and final reading authorizing the Village to sell surplus items by internet auction. Resolution 2023-21 will receive its third and final reading and is to authorize the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to contract with Verdantas to perform engineering work for the remaining sidewalk replacements on Russell Ave. Village Administrator, Tammy Hicks, will speak to Ordinance 2023-22 regarding junk vehicles. Ordinance 2023-23 was updated to add wording regarding solar panels and will receive its first reading. Ordinance 2023-25 is to amend the Ohio Basic Code Ordinance 2023-07 that was passed earlier in the year to adopt the Ohio Basic Code. Within the ordinance, it states that the Village will adopt the OBC as the code of ordinance as well as other ordinances that are listed within the OBC ordinance. The Ordinance Committee met last week to review the list of ordinances contained in 2023-07 and found that many of the ordinances still referred to an old code of ordinances that the Village no longer has in force. Those ordinances were updated to remove reference to the old code and are also being presented for first readings this evening. Ordinance 2023-26 regarding dilapidated structures was updated

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to remove the reference to the old code of ordinances. Ordinance 2023 27 regarding free standing outdoor furnaces was updated to remove the reference to the old code of ordinances. Ordinance 2023-28 is an update to ordinance 2010-48 regarding curfews in the Village. The current curfew for all minors under the age of 18 is midnight. Updates were made to include minors under the age of 11 years old shall be off the streets from 10pm to 6am, minors between the ages of 12 & 15 shall be off the streets from 11pm to 6am, minors between the ages of 16 & 17 years shall be off the streets between 12am to 6am. Ordinance 2023-29 is to update ordinances regarding animals in the Village. Much of the wording that was in the old code of ordinances was found to already be in force within the Ohio Basic Code that the Village has adopted. Ordinance 2023-29 contains only the portions that were not found in the OBC and it will receive its first reading. There is an ARPA annual report that is required to be filed with the State and that has been completed and filed. Bills were passed around for approval.

Police: No report.

Solicitor: Village Solicitor, Joel Blue, was not in attendance.

Village Administrator: Village Administrator Tammy Hicks reported Ordinance 2023-22 regarding junk motor vehicles and motor homes and boats will receive its first reading and describes what constitutes a junk vehicle. Ordinance 2023-24 outlines the requirements for fences around pools in the Village. Tammy requested that the 3 readings be waived and passed this evening due to the pool season being upon us and needs to be enforced for the safety of the Village residents. William Albert began removing the old sidewalks on E. Russell in the East 100 block in preparation for the installation of the new sidewalks. The street will remain open to traffic, but residents are asked to refrain from parking in that block during the day. The remainder of the sidewalks on Russell will be replaced later this summer. The gas company is continuing to work to replace service lines. Residents were reminded that they will put everything back better than they found it. Tammy has had questions on the stone patchwork they have put in place on the sidewalks and that is only temporary. They will come back once they are done with the lines to fill in with concrete as well as fixing the holes in the asphalt. Hicks requested a Park Board meeting to update on the projects in the parks. Hicks also expressed her appreciation for the Street Department and Wastewater Treatment employees on working hard to save the Village money when being faced with several necessary repairs, knowing that the budget is very tight. They have made every attempt to work together and repair items internally rather than contracting the work out to others, saving the Village at least \$10,000 so far. Thank you!

Committee Reports:

Building and Property: No report.

Community & Business Development: No report.

Community Relations: Chairwoman Brittany Howell reported that the Community Yellow Flag Sales will be May 5 & 6, 2023. Those wanting to participate can sign up at Statements by Shannon or on Facebook on the West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce page.

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Finance: No report.

Fire Dependency Board: No report.

Ordinance: Chairman Bo Fortune reported meeting on April 18, 2023 to discuss junk vehicles, pool fences, curfews and a list of Ordinances needing updated within the Ohio Basic Code ordinance.

Park Board: No report.

Planning Commission: No report.

Public Safety: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Records Retention: Fiscal Officer, Amy Bourne, reported meeting on April 17, 2023 for the required biannual meeting to discuss updates to the Retention Schedule. Line items pertaining to the Water department will be removed since all of those records have been transferred to the City of Coshocton. The committee approved the requested changes and Bourne will send the updates to the Historical Society for approval.

Rules: No report.

Introduction to ordinances and resolutions:

2023-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023 Third Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2023-19. Roll call 5 yes.

2023-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D) Third Reading

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to adopt Resolution 2023-20. Roll call 5 yes.

2023-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY WITH VERDANTAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE Third Reading

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A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to adopt Resolution 2023-21. Roll call 5 yes.

2023-22 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES INCLUDING BOATS AND MOTOR HOMES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE First Reading

Discussion was presented by Councilman Adam Fisher regarding the wording for the 10-day period to abate and suggested wording be added to reflect the option to work with the Village Administrator if more time is needed to resolve the issue. He also suggested wording be added to exclude impound lots in the Village as well as removing the wording referencing “cracked windshields” that indicate a junk vehicle.

2023-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-47, THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE BUILDING AND ZONING CODES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

2023-24 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF POOL FENCING AND MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Tim Cheney to waive the three required readings for Ordinance 2023-24. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Christie Maurer and seconded by Brittany Howell to adopt Ordinance 2023-24. Roll call 5 yes.

2023-25 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING’S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2023 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

2023-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-18 TO PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ANY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE OR ANY UNSANITARY PREMISES OR NOXIOUS REAL ESTATE, PROVIDING FOR ERADICATION OF NUISANCES, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT First Reading

2023-27 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FREESTANDING OUTDOOR FURNACES First Reading

2023-28 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2010-48 REGARDING CURFEWS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY First Reading/Emergency

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2023-29 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH First Reading

Councilman Adam Fisher requested that we ask Solicitor Joel Blue to review this Ordinance regarding the legality of restricting the weight limit of a therapy animal to 20 pounds in Section II (D).

Committee Meetings:

Building & Property-

Community & Business-

Community Relations –

Fire Dependency Board-

Finance- May 8, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Ordinance-

Park Board- April 28, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Planning Commission –

Public Safety –

Public Works-

Records Retention –

Rules –

Tax Review Board –.

Other Business: Mayor Bordenkircher reported the residence of Mike Hill residing at 659 E. Russell had a sewer backup on Friday and had Johnson Plumbing come and clear his line. The Street department checked the lines and everything appeared to be flowing properly again. On Saturday, the basement of the Hill residence filled up with sewage. The Wastewater Operator checked the lines and jetted the system, which cleared the lines, but there is damage done. The basement is finished and will be getting estimates for the damage to submit to the Village for possible reimbursement. Mayor Bordenkircher requested the Village Administrator establish a cleaning program to do a regular cleaning of those lines in the area.

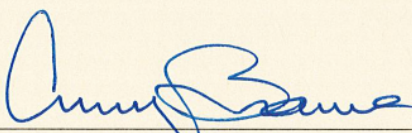
A motion was made by Brittany Howell and seconded by Adam Fisher to pay the bills. Roll call 5 yes.

A motion was made by Tim Cheney and seconded by Adam Fisher to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call 6 yes.

A full recording of this evening's minutes can be heard by visiting www.westlafayettevillage.com and clicking on the recorded minutes tab.


Stephen R. Bordenkircher, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Bourne, Fiscal Officer